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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR
NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE

SUBJECT: Development of CDIP Resource Review and Decision
Making Process

Reference: (a) Memo for DASD(I), subject as above, dated 10 April 1970.

Your memorandum of 10 April requested information concerning the CDIP review to be conducted by ASD(Administration).

I believe I can best put this review in its intended context by describing my view of how the intelligence resource decision making machinery will most effectively work. Obviously there can be no Consolidated Defense Intelligence Program review without participation of a program with such fiscal implications as the NRO possesses in the intelligence community.

I believe that the ASD(A) responsibility for NRP is different from ASD(A) responsibility for CCP and GDIP as follows:

CCP and GDIP resource decisions are made by the Deputy Secretary of Defense upon recommendation of ASD(A).

NRO resource decisions are made by Secretary of Defense upon recommendation of EXCOM. The Deputy Secretary of Defense as the DoD member of EXCOM, looks to ASD(A) as his OSD staff assistant to provide a DoD position on NRP resources after comparison with CCP and GDIP resources (the CDIP review) where comparison is applicable. This is a new relationship which improves the information available to the Deputy Secretary of Defense. It gives him not only the cross program analysis he wants but also gives him OSD direct staff support. This

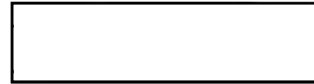
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complements your program manager support on resource issues in which national intelligence program requirements are being financed utilizing DoD resources. The CDIP review is cross program issue oriented and is not intended to subject any program to line item analysis. This detailed review is clearly the responsibility of the program managers.

I am sure that you realize the potential problems for the other program managers which could result if EXCOM changes a NRP program in November in such a way as to create a requirement for new intelligence resources not anticipated by the CDIP review. We, therefore, recognize that the soundness of our recommendations for the CDIP is directly proportional to the validity of the planning data provided by you, in addition, of course, to that provided by the other program managers.

In this regard, I anticipate that your response on 15 May to my CIRIS data request of 13 February will be a valuable contribution to the initial coordination of our collective responsibilities for resource recommendations. [redacted] has questioned the usefulness of data previously provided to the TOD as the forerunner of CIRIS. I believe that the current scope of the planned CDIP review makes comparison with any previous submissions somewhat irrelevant at this point in time. We are now in a position to review the totality of DoD intelligence resources. The CIRIS is the best available tool to provide the type of analytical data requisite in this cross program analysis.

The details of who will constitute the CDIP Review Group are not yet firm. I can, however, assure you that it is not our intent to subject your program - or any other program - to a requirement for additional security clearances. I will keep you advised of our planning and welcome your suggestions.

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